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JAPAN.

Plague in Osaka.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *October 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the official report of plague at Osaka, of date October 7, gives the total number of cases since the reappearance of the disease in that city on September 11 as 25. My report of September 29, which was derived from the best information then obtainable, was, therefore, incorrect in giving the total number of cases to date as 26.

Of the 25 cases above noted, 20 have proved fatal, while 5 are still under treatment with a fair prospect of recovery. No new attacks have occurred during the last few days, but the bodies of rats found in the southern ward of Osaka still contain the bacillus pestis.

It is evident either that the sanitary measures taken are controlling the epidemic or that there is little tendency for it to extend.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Cablegram.]

UNITED STATES CONSULATE,

Kobe, November 2, 1900.

Plague, Osaka.

SHARB, *Vice-Consul.*

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

MAURITIUS.

Plague in Port Louis.

PORT LOUIS, *September 7, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to my dispatch No. 84 of April 21, transmitting to you certain documents concerning the epidemic of plague which broke out in this island in the month of January 1899, I have now the honor to complete the series by sending you under separate cover, copy of the "Report on the outbreak of plague in Mauritius," just issued by the government.

For about 16 days this dire disease was said to have disappeared, when clean bills of health were issued by the sanitary authorities on July 14; unfortunately a few days after a case occurred in town, and ever since several cases have been daily discovered, and the last bulletin issued by the medical department shows that for the week ended September 7, 7 cases were found, of which 4 proved fatal.

With the experience of the march of the disease in Bombay, which always proved more violent during the cool months of the year, November to May, the medical department expected to see a recrudescence of the disease during the winter season, May to September, but as yet the cases have not been numerous in town, and only one in the country districts, and in the summer months I trust the disease will be stamped out.

Respectfully,

A. PROVAH AMBROSE,

Acting United States Vice-Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.